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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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Honorable Kevin J. Martin, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington. DC 20554

Sent vin fax to (866) 418-0232

Dear Chairman Martin:

I am writing in support of the XM and Sirius satellite radio merger. I subscribe to both satellite services and I know High Panero, XM **CEO.** and **Mel** Karmazin, Sirius CEO. I enjoy music and political programming on both satellite services.

As an economist and a former Washingtonian, I understand the economics behind the decision to merge XM and **Sirius.** The Federal Communications Commission should approve this merger as it will not create a satellite monopoly. Satellite radio has an abundance of competition from traditional radio stations. Further, digital music devices compete with satellite radio programming. Rapid technological changes in music delivery systems **will** make the market even **more** competitive.

A fair assessment of the market clearly indicates that government should not interfere with the planned merger of XM and Sirius satellite radio. I look forward to hearing your views on this important matter.

Feel free to contact me if I can answer any questions. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Respectfully,


James Patterson

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